

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the South Carolina territory was first explored by Spaniards as early as the first half of the 15th century yet, despite attempts by the Spanish and French, there were no permanent settlements for nearly 150 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1663, King Charles II of England granted Carolina to eight English noblemen, the Lords Proprietors, and the first permanent settlement was established at Albemarle Point in 1670; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina territory was divided into North and South Carolina in 1710, and South Carolina became a royal colony in 1729; and

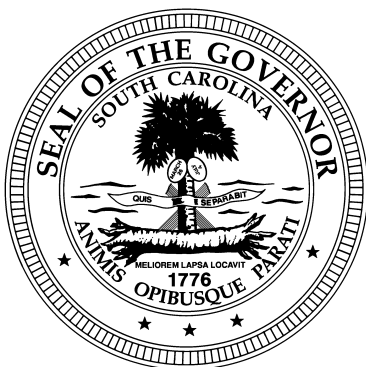
WHEREAS, during the Revolutionary War, more than 200 battles and skirmishes occurred in South Carolina, earning our state the patriotic slogan, "Battleground of Freedom;" and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 1788, South Carolina became the 8th state to ratify the Constitution and enter the Union.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 23, 2007, as

SOUTH CAROLINA'S BIRTHDAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the history of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA